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12 September 1955

1. At the Senior Staff Meeting this morning Mr. Garrison gave a brief report on the status of our new building and Mr. Saunders gave a brief report on the status of our budget, the gist of which was that we do not have as much money as we once had and everyone should be careful to get the job done as economically as possible, giving particular attention to excessive overtime and the removal from our books of obligations which have been posted but, for some reason, not actually incurred.

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2. General Cabell instructed everyone that any inquiry with regard to the [REDACTED] should be answered with "No comment."

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3. Mr. Wisner made a brief report and asked that certain types of reports be handled with greater care and skill. He also said that Mr. Hoover, the Under Secretary of State, was going on a tour of the Far East beginning 28 September and would be briefed here prior to his departure. He commented on a report which we had received from Mr. Dulles concerning the North Asia crisis, which apparently contained some comments on [REDACTED] that will be of some interest to [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

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4. Mr. Garrison and Mr. [REDACTED] briefed me on the developments in connection with the building. Rapuano has done some work but has not yet finished his study. He does believe, however, that we should have 140 acres in lieu of the 100 which we had planned on. There seems to be no doubt that he leans toward the Langley site. Mr. Abramovitz will be here Friday for general briefings and site inspection. Apparently, he is to be the chief designer on this project. Mr. Garrison has talked to the Office of the Chief of Engineers, and they would be glad to handle our building if we want them to. The details of the relationship, however, were not discussed. Mr. Garrison and Mr. [REDACTED] are to get in touch with the Bureau of Public Roads to ascertain their reaction to letting us have an additional 40 acres. They are also to prepare a briefing which can be given to Mr. Dulles on his return, showing the three possible solutions to handling our supervisory problem: (a) PBS; (b) Army Engineers; or (3) Contract with the architect. Mr. Garrison reported that Mr. Rapuano preferred not to hear the arguments, pro and con, concerning the Langley and Winkler properties. I asked him to tell Mr. Rapuano that we felt it necessary that he at least listen to whatever presentations these people wish to make, whether favorable or unfavorable. H

5. Jack Nolen telephoned to confirm his understanding that we were not prepared to make a presentation on our site selection at the September 16th meeting of the Planning Commission. I told him this was correct. He also advised me that they were not ready to present their staff study which they H

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are undertaking in connection with the future use of the Langley property. Mr. Nolen also said that the next meeting of the Commission would be during the early part of November rather than during the month of October. I see no reason why this should seriously interfere with us.

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